

REMARKS

In this paper, claim 79 is canceled. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-37, 40, 42, 44-61, 63-65, 67-71, 73 and 75-78 are pending, and claims 38, 39, 41, 43, 62, 66, 72, 74 and 79 have been canceled.

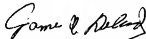
Claims 1-37, 40, 42, 44-61, 63-65, 67-71, 73 and 75-79 were rejected as being based on a defective reissue oath under 35 U.S.C. §251. A new reissue declaration using form PTO/SB/51 as requested by the examiner is submitted herewith.

Claim 79 was rejected as being improperly broadened in a reissue application. Claim 79 has been canceled, so this basis for rejection is considered moot.

Claim 79 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Di Bella (US 6,206,144) in view of JP 3-114546. Claim 79 has been canceled, so this basis for rejection is considered moot.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 and §251 have been overcome by the foregoing amendment and substitute reissue declaration, and it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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